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Senator Saunders moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 27, between lines 13 and 14,

insert:

Section 23. Section 90.612, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

90.612 Mode and order of interrogation and presentation.--

(1) The judge shall exercise reasonable control over the mode and order of the interrogation of witnesses and the presentation of evidence, so as to:

(a) Facilitate, through effective interrogation and presentation, the discovery of the truth.

(b) Avoid needless consumption of time.

(c) Protect witnesses from harassment or undue embarrassment.

(d) Take special care to protect a witness under age 14 from undue harassment or embarrassment and to restrict the unnecessary repetition of questions. The court shall also take

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1 questions be stated in a form appropriate to
2 the age and understanding of the witness;
3 authorizing a court to forbid questions that
4 are not in a form reasonably understood;
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